

# Waltham Forest Parent Forum



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## Statement of Purpose

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### Who we are

Waltham Forest Parent Forum (WFPF) is a voluntary, parent-led organisation made up of parent carers of children and young people aged 0–25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

We represent the collective voice of families in Waltham Forest and work with education, health and social care services to improve support for children, young people and their families.

### What we do

We:

- gather and represent the views and experiences of parent carers
- work in partnership with local services to influence and improve SEND provision
- provide information, training and opportunities for families to learn more about SEND
- offer peer support opportunities to reduce isolation and improve wellbeing
- create opportunities for parent carers to take part in decision-making and service development

### Our approach

Our work is based on participation and co-production.

This means working alongside professionals and decision-makers, recognising the knowledge and experience of parent carers, and contributing to the development of services.

We aim to ensure that families' voices are heard and that their experiences shape how services are delivered.

### Who we support

Membership is open to all parent carers of children and young people aged 0–25 with SEND living in the London Borough of Waltham Forest or whose children access services in Waltham Forest.

We aim to be inclusive and representative of the diverse communities within the borough.

### **Our aims**

- To provide opportunities for parent carers to participate in shaping local services
- To improve communication between families and services
- To increase knowledge and understanding of SEND
- To reduce isolation and improve wellbeing for parent carers
- To promote inclusive and effective services for children and young people with SEND

### **Working with others**

We work with:

- the Local Authority
- health services
- schools and education providers
- voluntary and community organisations
- regional and national parent carer networks

### **Our values**

We aim to be:

- inclusive
- respectful
- collaborative
- transparent
- responsive to the needs of families

### **Review and Update Arrangements**

This statement will be reviewed every two years or earlier if required.